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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. A copy of the U.S. patent document is not enclosed, pursuant to the revised rules dated September 21, 2004.

U.S. Patent 5,715,498

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated November 16, 2004, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure

Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Other documents cited in the Search Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 30, 2002.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

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